

Assembly Constitutional Amendment

No. 29

Introduced by Assembly Member McCarthy

February 24, 2006

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 29—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 1 of Article XXI thereof, relating to redistricting.

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ACA 29, as introduced, McCarthy. Redistricting.

Existing provisions of the California Constitution authorize and direct the Legislature, in conformance with specified standards, to adjust the boundary lines of Senatorial, Assembly, Congressional, and State Board of Equalization districts in the year following the year in which the decennial national census is taken.

This measure would make legislative declarations regarding the reapportionment process, and would make various technical, nonsubstantive changes to the constitutional provisions that require the Legislature to revise district boundary lines.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The subject of how best to accomplish the
- 2 revision of Assembly, Senate, and Congressional district
- 3 boundary lines is of continuing interest in this state; and
- 4 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Legislature to propose
- 5 amendments to the California Constitution that will improve the
- 6 reapportionment process to include greater input by the general
- 7 public; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the
2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2005–06 Regular
3 Session commencing on the sixth day of December 2004,
4 two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby
5 proposes to the people of the State of California, that the
6 Constitution of the State be amended as follows:

7 That Section 1 of Article XXI thereof is amended to read:

8 SECTION 1. In the year following the year in which the
9 national census is taken under the direction of *the* Congress at the
10 beginning of each decade, the Legislature shall adjust the
11 boundary lines of the Senatorial, Assembly, Congressional, and
12 *State* Board of Equalization districts in conformance with the
13 following standards:

14 (a) Each member of the Senate, Assembly, Congress, and the
15 *State* Board of Equalization shall be elected from a
16 single-member district.

17 (b) The population of all districts of a particular type shall be
18 reasonably equal.

19 (c) Every district shall be contiguous.

20 (d) Districts of each type shall be numbered consecutively
21 commencing at the northern boundary of the State and ending at
22 the southern boundary *of the State*.

23 (e) The geographical integrity of any city, county, or city and
24 county, or of any geographical region shall be respected to the
25 extent possible without violating the requirements of any other
26 subdivision of this section.